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# License Plates Made in Illinois



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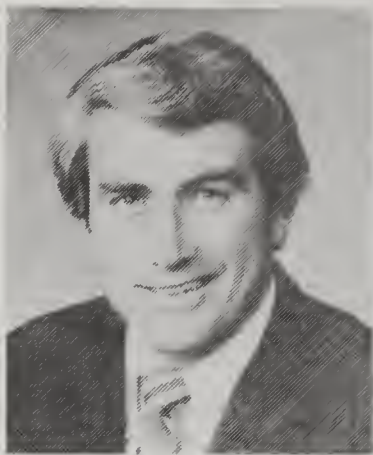
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# JIM EDGAR

## Secretary of State



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**NEW LICENSE PLATES  
SAVE MONEY, USE  
ILLINOIS RESOURCES,  
PROVIDE JOBS**

Newly-designed Illinois license plates have begun to appear on automobiles across the state.

The new plates are the first to be issued since Illinois adopted multi-year plates. During the next three years, everyone will be issued new plates under a program that will save taxpayers \$50 million.

In addition to a distinctive new design, the new plates are special because they are the first Illinois license plates to have been produced in this state in a decade. My office has awarded the contract for the new plates to Macon County Rehabilitation Facilities, Inc. in Decatur, making Illinois the second state in the nation to have plates produced by disabled persons.

In addition to using Illinois labor, the new plates are being made of steel purchased from an Illinois company on machines manufactured in this state.

Watch for the new license plates. They are good for Illinois!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Edgar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Secretary of State

## Why Issue New Plates?

The successful multi-year license plate program, begun in 1978, has saved Illinois taxpayers nearly \$22 million. By extending the life of the present license plates and continuing to issue multi-year plates, the program will save taxpayers an additional \$50 million. More than half of the automobile plates issued in 1978 are still being used today but will wear out in the mid-1980s.

The new license plates will be issued over a three-year period to replace the old ones, spreading the cost of the program over a longer period and permitting more efficient administration of the program.

## Questions & Answers

- Q. When do I get my new plates?
- A. The first character of your current plate and the month your sticker expires determines the year and month in which the new plates will be issued to you. *(See schedule on back.)*
- Q. What do I have to do to get new plates?
- A. If you currently have valid Illinois license plates, a preprinted renewal application, marked NEW PLATE, will be mailed to you about 60 days before the current sticker expires. *It is your responsibility to renew your registration before the expiration date.* You may renew by mail or have your application processed wherever renewal stickers are sold.

## Disabled Make New Plates

Macon County Rehabilitation Facilities, Inc. is a non-profit vocational facility employing 200 disabled workers. Sixty employees manufacture as many as 30,000 sets of license plates each day.



Q. What will they cost?

A. There is no charge beyond the annual registration fee. However, the legislature has increased the fees beginning in 1984. On Feb. 1, 1984, fees will be \$36 for automobiles with 35 horsepower (hp) and less and \$48 for those over 35 hp. On Feb. 1, 1985, the fee for automobiles with 35 hp and less also will be \$48.

Q. May I keep the same number?

A. Yes, as long as your application and registration fee are received by the deadline stated on the form.

Q. Can I request a different number when I apply for my new plates?

A. If you do not want the same number, you will be assigned a randomly selected plate number. After you receive the new plates, you may request a personalized (vanity) license plate by writing to: *Special License Plate Section, Vehicle Services Department, Springfield, IL 62756.*

Q. Will I get a sticker with the new plates?

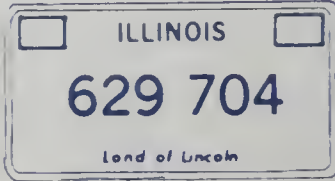
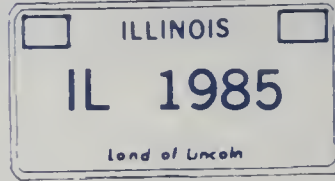
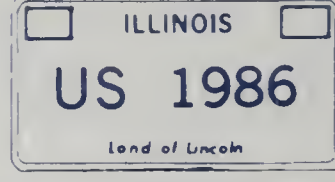
A. Yes, a sticker displaying the expiration month and year will be attached to the back of your registration card. A new, larger sticker will be issued beginning in 1986.

Q. Do I have to return the old plates when I get my new ones?

A. No. It will be your responsibility to destroy them.

# How To Apply

- ✓ You should receive a special preprinted application, marked NEW PLATE, at renewal time.
- ✓ Renew by mail or have your application processed wherever renewal stickers are sold.
- ✓ Renew on time to receive a new plate with your same plate number.
- ✓ Your renewal month will not change.
- ✓ Check this schedule to see when you will be issued new plates.
- ✓ For more information, call toll-free 1(800) 252-8980.

WHEN YOU WILL RECEIVE NEW LICENSE PLATES:		
IF YOUR PLATE BEGINS WITH A:		NEW PLATES ISSUED IN:
NUMBER . . .		. . . . .1984
LETTER A-M .		. . . . .1985
LETTER N-Z .		. . . . .1986

Owners of non-standard plates (*Handicapped, Motorcycle, etc.*) will be issued the new plates beginning in 1987.

